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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF RAIL LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate hectares of land lying unutilised in the railway;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up a Rail Land Development Authority to execute commercial exploitation of its surplus land in metro cities and other urban cities; and

(c) the other steps proposed to utilize the land and raise money?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Railways have about 42,846 hectares of vacant land.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Apart from commercial development of railway land/air-space, the vacant railway land which is not required for immediate operational and maintenance purposes, is utilised for short-term licensing for purposes connected with railway working (e.g. bulk oil installations, sidings, commercial, plantation etc.)